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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER FACTS FAX**

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**DELMARVA BROILER/FRYER MARKET, US Grade A, Week Ending 28-Mar-03**

DATE	PRODUCTION (000)	ICE-PACKED, MULTI-DROP, IMMEDIATE DELIVERY			
	<u>Actual Slaughter</u>	<u>Live Weight</u>	<u>Price Range</u>	<u>Weighted Price</u>	<u># of Boxes</u>
03-24	2,284	5.13	45-64	54.47	6,502
03-25	2,258	5.07	46-65	53.64	7,904
03-26	2,244	5.11	45-67	54.14	7,728
03-27	2,341	4.98	46-65	53.82	6,409
03-28	2,177	5.02	48-63	54.42	8,573
Weekly	11,306	5.06	Cumulative:	54.10	37,117

**NEGOTIATED TRADING, USDA GRADE A WHOLE ICE-PACKED, Week of 31-Mar-03**

Weighted Averages for:	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
New York	51.55	51.41	45.41
Chicago	49.95	51.12	45.24
Detroit	49.08	51.86	45.27
Los Angeles	67.26	67.66	64.46
12-City Composite	57.71	58.01	52.95

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Ice-Packed, Delivered first receivers, pool and trucklot volumes, cents per pound, Week Ending 28-Mar-03**

	<u>Weekly Weighted Average Price</u>	<u>Total Volume/Pounds</u>
Breast - B/S	146.99	2,261,250
Tenderloins	118.21	547,853
Breast - With Ribs	84.63	1,036,704
Breast - Line Run	81.07	440,880
Legs	33.72	1,285,160
Leg Quarters (Bulk)	20.73	2,277,069
Drumsticks	27.44	616,800
Thighs	32.77	251,840
B/S Thighs	67.96	349,680
Wings (Whole)	68.95	930,642

(Includes NY City metro area, RI, Northern NJ, MA, CT, PA (NE of Harrisburg))

**BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED (000), Week Ending 22-Mar-03**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>	<u>10-Weeks Prior</u>	<u>7-Weeks Prior</u>
Eggs Set	204,902	204,317	208,762	203,492	203,905
Chicks Placed	169,014	167,396	171,346	162,132	166,420

**SLAUGHTER OF YOUNG CHICKENS UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION, W/E 22-MAR-03**

	<u>Current Week</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year Ago</u>
Head (000)	153,022	151,337	151,624
Average Live Weight	5.09	5.23	5.13
To Date 2003 (000)	1,781,825	1,628,803	-----
To Date 2002 (000)	1,830,776	1,679,152	-----

**MONTHLY COLD STORAGE:** Total frozen poultry supplies on 02/28/03 were up 1% from last month and were slightly above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 7% from last month and down 8% from last year. Total pounds of turkeys in freezers increased 13% from last month and were 16% above last year.

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